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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of ::
ANDREAS FLOHR, et al. :: Confirmation No. 6376
Serial No. 09/786,080 :: Group Art Unit 3761
Filed February 28, 2001 :: Examiner C. L. Anderson
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For STRONG AN SOFT APERTURED NONWOVEN WEB

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2002. A three-month extension of time being filed herewith. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectively requested in light of the remarks filed below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 12 and 14 as indicated.

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1. A nonwoven web, wherein said web comprises:

a first zone and at least one second zone, said first zone and said second zone having a bonded area, the bonded area of said second zone being greater than the bonded area of said first zone, said first zone having an effective open area of at least about 10 percent and a plurality of apertures, wherein each of said apertures having an effective size of at least 0.2 square millimeters.